

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An optical lens, comprising a marking formed on a surface entirely ~~or partially~~ outside an effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lens is a coupling lens for optically coupling a light beam irradiated from a light source to an incident end face of an optical device.

Claim 3 (original): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lens surface has a coating film and said marking is formed by using said coating film.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein said coating film is not provided ~~at least partially~~ entirely outside the effective area of said lens, and said marking refers to a part on which said coating film is not provided.

Claim 5 (original): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is unevenly formed outside the effective area of said lens.

Claim 6 (original): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is made of a printed matter.

Claim 7 (original): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is made of a coating matter.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A manufacturing method of an optical lens, comprising a step of entirely or ~~partially~~ forming a marking on a surface outside an effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10, wherein said lens is a coupling lens for optically coupling a light beam irradiated from a light source to an incident end face of an optical device.

Claim 12 (original): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said lens surface has a coating film and said marking is formed by using said coating film.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 12, wherein said coating film is not provided ~~at least partially~~ entirely outside the effective area of said lens, and said marking refers to a part on which said coating film is not provided.

Claim 14 (original): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said marking is unevenly formed outside the effective area of said lens by using a mold.

Claim 15 (original): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said marking is formed by printing.

Claim 16 (original): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said marking is formed by coating.

Claim 17-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously presented): An optical device, comprising any one of optical lenses as set forth in claims 1 to 7.

Claim 20 (original): The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical pickup device and said optical lens is used for condensing light on an optical disk, said optical device including a light source for emitting light and an optical element for detecting light reflected on said optical disk.

Claim 21 (original): The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical communication component and said optical lens is used for condensing light, said optical device including a light source for emitting light and an optical fiber.

Claim 22 (original): The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical sensor and said optical lens is used for condensing light, said optical device including an optical element for detecting light condensed by said optical lens.

Claims 23-42 (canceled)

Claim 43 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a light-absorbing material.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a light-scattering material.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a rough surface.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the optical lens is 2 millimeters or smaller.